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## **Jobs Today Initiative**

### ***Putting Michigan to Work...Making Michigan Work Better***

In her State of the State Address, Governor Granholm proposed a Jobs Today Initiative that will put thousands of Michigan residents to work this year by speeding up state and local construction and infrastructure improvement projects that were scheduled to begin over the next decade.

The Jobs Today Initiative is a three-pronged strategy to create jobs, make Michigan more attractive to potential job providers and improve our quality of life:

1. Accelerate \$800 million in state infrastructure improvement projects that boost economic development;
2. Create new incentives for local governments units – including downtown development authorities and local school districts – to accelerate their own infrastructure improvements; and
3. Encourage private development and investment in important community resources, such as affordable housing and improved living centers for seniors.

This rapid infusion of public investment in Michigan over the next three years will jumpstart the state's economy and create hundreds of thousand of new jobs in construction, road building, skilled trades and related service industries beginning *this* construction season.

The Jobs Today Initiative focuses work in seven key areas:

1. Pollution cleanup to spur economic development;
2. University improvements and "capacity" expansion;
3. Road improvements;
4. Long-term care facility construction and renovation;
5. Affordable housing construction and renovation;
6. School improvement and repair; and
7. Downtown development and infrastructure investment.

## **Jobs Today Action Steps**

The Jobs Today Initiative is a true partnership. The Governor's administration, the Legislature, local communities and private developers must work together to create good jobs today.

Some initiatives require only administrative action or were put in motion through the 2005 state budget process:

- ✓ Accelerated road projects
- ✓ Accelerated pollution clean-up projects to protect citizens' health
- ✓ Accelerated university and state building renovations

Other projects are the result of new incentives created or accelerated by the Granholm Administration, but requiring local governments or developers to take advantage of the resulting resources:

- ✓ Cleaning up polluted sites to make them ready for development
- ✓ Additional Michigan State Housing Development resources to speed the construction of low-income housing.
- ✓ Incentives to encourage long-term care facility and nursing home upgrades

Finally, the Governor will work with the Legislature to:

- ✓ Amend the Downtown Development Authority Act and the Tax Increment Finance Authority Act to allow local governments to finance additional development and improvement in "near-downtown" areas.
- ✓ Amend the School Bond Revolving Loan Fund program to allow local school districts to make needed repairs and renovations.